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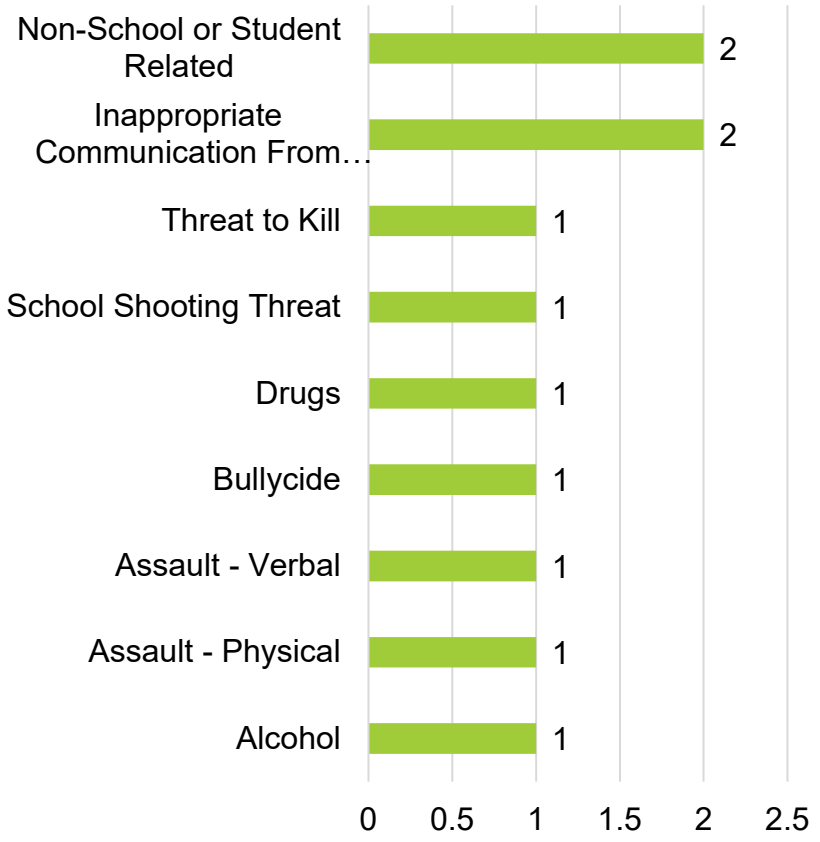
Prevent School Violence

July 2025 Monthly Activity Summary

July Tip Overview



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Although schools were out for summer break, Courage2Report remained active and vigilant throughout July, receiving 11 reports across a range of serious concerns. These reports serve as a powerful reminder that threats and suspicious activity don't pause for summer—and neither does Courage2Report. Our system is available 24/7, year-round, to ensure that every voice can be heard and every concern addressed. Whether school is in session or not, reporting helps protect lives and build safer communities across Missouri.

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Podcasts

[Ep 48. More victims when a school shooter makes multiple types of threats]

Listening time: 45:08

In this episode, host David Riedman explores the chilling connection between threat complexity and victim count in school shootings. Joined by Dr. Megan Raichelson, a Post-Doctoral Fellow in Clinical Psychology, the discussion centers on her groundbreaking dissertation, *Exploring Leakage as a Warning Behavior in K-12 School Shooting Events*.

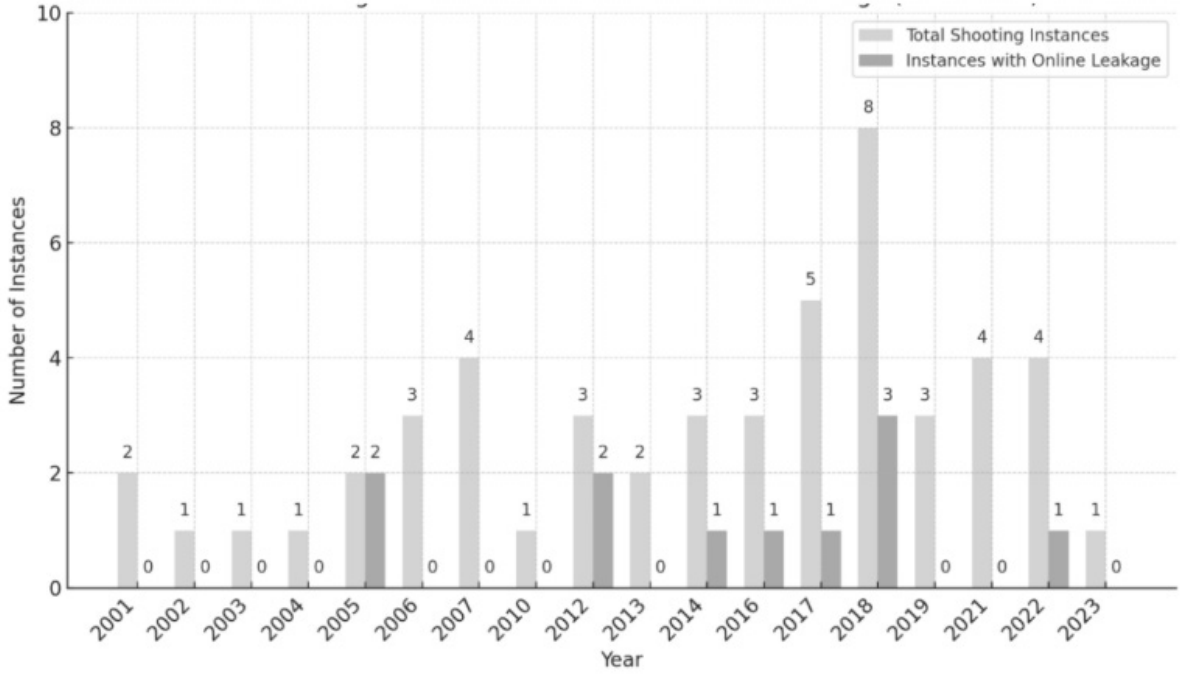
Dr. Raichelson's research reveals that when school shooters make multiple types of threats—such as verbal, written, or behavioral—the likelihood of a higher number of victims increases. The episode dives into the concept of "leakage," where perpetrators reveal intent before the act, and how these warning behaviors can be critical for early intervention. Riedman and Raichelson emphasize the importance of recognizing and reporting these signals to prevent future tragedies.

This episode is a must-listen for educators, mental health professionals, and anyone committed to understanding and preventing school violence.

K-12 SCHOOL SHOOTING DATABASE

Figure 1

Online Leakage Prevalence Between 2000 and 2023



In The News

Special educators call for more school mental health supports

Education Department data shows the ratio of psychologists to students is 1-to-1,065, much higher than the recommended 1-to-500.

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Special Education Professionals Advocate for Student Mental Health Investments

Special education professionals nationwide are highlighting the urgent need for student mental health support and the shortage of qualified school-based mental health experts. They are also urging the release of funding for mental health services and professional development.

During a recent summit, experts discussed the financial constraints that prevent many districts from hiring enough counselors, social workers, and psychologists. The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) recommends a ratio of one psychologist per 500 students, but current data shows a ratio of 1-to-1,065.

The demand for K-12 mental health services is rising, yet only 48% of public schools in 2024 reported being able to effectively provide these services. Additionally, federal funding for key mental health grant programs was canceled, impacting the future of school psychology professionals.

The Education Department plans to publish new priorities for these grants, focusing on high-need districts. However, there are concerns that these changes do not support the training, recruitment, and retention of school counselors and social workers, which is seen as contrary to best practices.

Click here to read the full article.

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EMPHASIS: Back to School!

August has arrived and with it the 2025-2026 school year. The Missouri State Highway Patrol would like to encourage parents to include conversations about safety when preparing their students for school. It's also important that drivers be prepared for the change in traffic patterns as students begin another year of instruction. In 2024, seven people were killed and 345 injured in traffic crashes involving a school bus. In Missouri last year, a total of 843 traffic crashes involved school buses.

Troopers hope everyone will review these safety tips:

Students

If you're walking to school, stay alert! Cross the street at intersections or marked crosswalks and never between parked cars. Make eye contact with drivers when crossing the street to make sure they see you. Use sidewalks when they are available. If it is necessary to walk on the roadway, stay close to the left edge and step off to the left when traffic approaches. Never run into the street after a friend or to retrieve something.

Riding a bicycle to school is a fun way to travel. If you're riding your bike, be sure to wear a helmet and obey all traffic signs and signals. Ride as near to the right side of the roadway as is safe and use the proper hand signals when you plan to change directions, slow, or stop. Never carry passengers.

Keep both hands on the handlebars except when signaling. Also, it's important to maintain your bicycle in good condition. If you are riding your bicycle or walking to school, it is imperative to pay attention. If you are looking at your phone or listening to music you won't be able to watch for hazards or hear approaching vehicles.

If you ride a school bus, check the weather and dress accordingly. Wait in line for the bus on the shoulder or sidewalk. Use the handrail when getting on or off the bus. Never try to retrieve items that fall under the bus, alert your bus driver. Walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus when crossing the street. Sit quietly on the bus and keep the aisle clear. If anything goes wrong, stay calm and follow the instructions of the bus driver.

Most traffic crashes involving young drivers (under the age of 21) occur between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., when school typically lets out. Many of these drivers are young and inexperienced. Parents: It is important to encourage those young drivers to remember driving is a full-time job. Using a cell phone, texting, or adjusting the radio can be the distraction that leads to a traffic crash. Missouri is a hands-free state so buckle up and put your phone down.

Parents

Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about riding a bus, walking, or driving to school in a safe manner. If they ride a bike, please make sure they wear a helmet and follow traffic laws.

Please talk to your children about the Courage2ReportMO program, which provides a safe and confidential way to report any concerns regarding their safety or the safety of others. These concerns may include: assault, bullying/repeated harassment, cyber bullying, fighting, guns, homicide, human trafficking, knife, planned school attack, imminent school shooting, school shooting threat, sexual offense, suicide-other person (3rd party), or a terrorism threat (extremism). Those reporting their concerns may remain anonymous. C2R provides a "sooner is safer" tool to report real time concerns 24 hours a day. There are several ways concerned people may submit a C2R report:

· through an Apple or Google Play Courage2Report mobile app,
· by making an online report via http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/Courage2ReportMO/index.html,
· by speaking confidentially to a trained professional at 866-748-7047, or
· text "C2R" to 738477.

C2R Missouri calls and tips (web, text, and mobile app) are answered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by trained communications professionals. C2R Missouri requests a disposition report be returned on each tip report, notifying the Missouri State Highway Patrol of the outcome. **For more information about C2R Missouri awareness and education resources, call the C2R Missouri Administrative Office at 866-362-6422.**

Motorists

Always be vigilant, but especially near school zones, playgrounds, bicycle paths, and crosswalks when schools are in session. Expect pedestrian and bicycle traffic to increase near schools on days when the weather is good. When schools are in session, drivers should expect a change in traffic patterns ─ school buses, parents taking their children to school, and many young drivers will join other motorists on the road and affect the morning and afternoon commute. Whatever route you drive, expect this additional traffic and prepare by allowing extra time to reach your destination.

Missouri law states that on a two-lane road, if a school bus is stopped and displaying warning signals while loading or unloading children, drivers must stop when meeting and following the bus. However, it is only necessary to stop on a four-lane highway when following the bus. Drivers, when you see a stopped school bus, stay alert and follow the law. Children may not be aware of traffic and dart unexpectedly into the roadway.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol is hiring! The Patrol offers over 60 career paths. For all current openings, visit https://bit.ly/MSHPCareers or to apply for trooper or commercial vehicle officer positions, visit www.joinmshp.us to apply today.

For more news, follow the Missouri State Highway Patrol on **X** @MSHPTrooperGHQ

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Where We've Been, Where We're Going!

Past

- 07/30/2025 – Washington Back to School Fair
- 08/07/2025 – Cassville Back to School Fair
- 08/09/2025 – West Plains Back to School Fair
- 08/09/2025 – Center School District Back to School Bash
- 08/11/2025 – Excelsior Springs Back to School Fair
- 08/14/2025 – Cooper County R-4 School District Presentation

Upcoming

- 09/25/2025 – 09/17/2025 – CES Academy Cape Girardeau
- 09/25/2025 – Missouri State Highway Patrol Career Expo
- 09/30/2025 – 10/01/2025 – Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop I Career Fair

*If you would like any C2R presentations or staff trainings at your school please send us an email at courage2reportmo@mshp.dps.mo.gov or **click here** to fill out our event form.

Handle With Care

[Click here to learn more about Handle With Care.]

Resources / Trainings

CES School Safety Academy

September 15-17, 2025 Cape Girardeau, MO November 11-13, 2025 Columbia, MO

Participation in the School Safety Academy will grant designated school safety coordinators your certification as a School Safety Specialist, in accordance with school safety coordinator requirements outlined in section 160.660 RSMo. and the Missouri School Improvement Program, version 6 (MSIP 6).

Candidates for School Safety Specialist certification will be expected to attend all 20 hours of courses in this basic Academy to receive their certification. Certified School Safety Specialists will also be required to attend eight (8) hours annually (calendar year) of continuing education approved by Academy staff. MSBA's Center for Education Safety School Safety Academy will be offering additional courses for continuing education credits and courses from other training providers will be evaluated for credit.

Academy training, and subsequent advanced training opportunities, will be focused around safety topics that include:

- Crisis Management/De-escalation
- Mental Health Resources
- Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management
- Cybersecurity and Social Media Threats
- Bullying/Cyberbullying and Human Trafficking
- Educator/Law Enforcement/SRO Partnerships
- Emergency Operations Planning
- School Climate and Culture
- Physical Security/Technology
- Safety Assessments/ Audits
- Training/ Drills
- Legal Issues

LivingWorks

October 22-23, Kirksville, MO

LivingWorks Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is two-day in-person workshop where you'll learn how to recognize when someone may be thinking about suicide, and how to provide a skilled intervention and develop a safety plan with the person to connect them to further support.

Grant-Writing Workshop

September 17-18 Kansas City, MO

The grant writing class covers how to write grant proposals start to finish and how to locate and track relevant grant opportunities. Federal, state, local and non-governmental, private sector grants are covered. You'll learn everything you need to know to get started writing grants.
Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as healthcare organizations, nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend.

Join Instagram's School Partnership Program:

This program offers middle and high schools in the U.S. access to prioritized reporting and safety resources. For additional digital safety resources visit https://www.icanhelp.net/

Resources / Trainings

Missouri Juvenile Justice Association and stopRED.org
Bridging Gaps for Youth: September 3, Columbia, MO

Course designed for School Resource Officers, Law Enforcement, Educators, and Juvenile Office staff in Boone and Callaway County. Lunch provided. Approved for POST and MCLE credit hours.

Topics covered:
- Working with SROs and Law Enforcement
- The Juvenile Court process
- Role of SRO's and Law Enforcement
- Proper Referrals
- Diversion and the school to prison pipeline
- Adolescent Brain Development
- Impacts of Trauma
- Crisis Prevention & De-Escalation Techniques
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Restorative Justice
- Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- Networking and effective communication tools

stopRED.org

U.S. Secret Service: Virtual Training Presentations:
Enhancing School Safety Using Behavioral Threat Assessment: September 17

Designed for school administrators, educators, and other school safety stakeholders.

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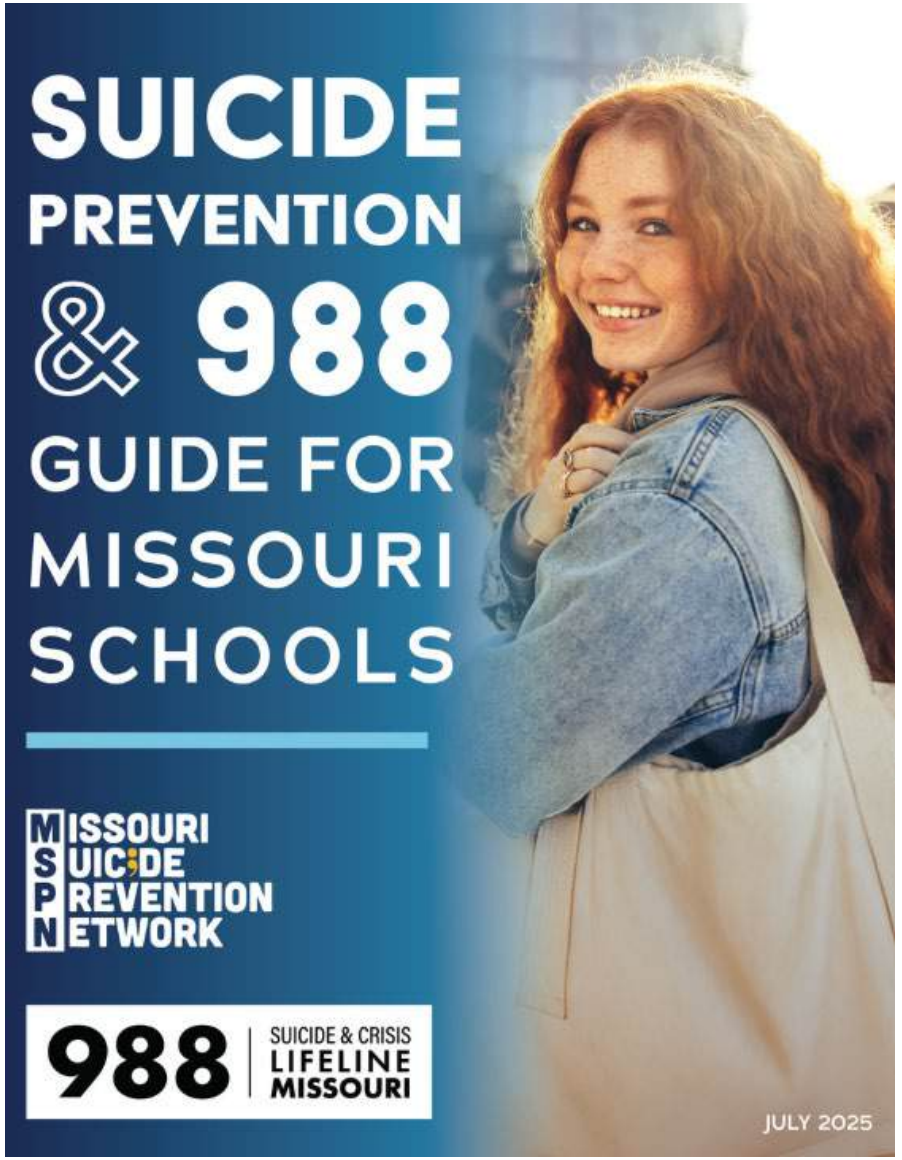

This guide complements the recently updated DESE Model School Policy on Suicide Prevention and is intended to be used alongside it to strengthen school preparedness and response efforts.

Resources / Trainings

CATCH My Breath is a free, evidence-based youth vaping prevention program with published evidence of reducing students' likelihood to vape. Aligned to national and state education standards, CATCH My Breath can be taught by individuals who serve youth in grades 5-12, including educators, local and state government agencies, public health specialists, and community volunteers.

Why CATCH My Breath?

- Developed by the UTHealth Houston School of Public Health and backed by research funded by the National Institutes of Health
- Implemented annually in more than 5,500 schools of all sizes across all 50 states and Canada
- Student-led and adult moderated
- Curriculum and resources strengthen school communities and family connections

Empowering youth to be vape free.

Partner Alliance for Safer Schools

School Safety Guidelines

The PASS School Safety and Security Guidelines are the most comprehensive information available on best practices specifically for securing K-12 school facilities, including elementary schools, middle schools and high schools. The PASS School Security Checklist allows you to assess the current state of safety and security efforts in your school or district compared to nationwide best practices.

11 Safety and Security Policies Overlooked by School Teams at Athletic Events

The paper focuses on the critical need for tailored security and emergency response plans specifically for athletic events in K-12 schools and recognizing these events as significant community gatherings that require unique safety considerations.

The paper addresses the challenges school administrators and safety professionals face in ensuring safety at athletic events, highlighting common missteps in existing plans. By providing actionable insights and strategies, it aims to enhance crowd management, emergency protocols, and overall safety for students, staff, and spectators.

SchoolSafety.gov Back-to-School Campaign

Prevention is the foundation of a safer school. Build it at SchoolSafety.gov.

The SchoolSafety.gov Back-to-School Campaign provides information and guidance that K-12 schools and school districts can use to prepare for a safe return to school. The campaign aims to empower K-12 communities to learn about and engage with resources, trainings, and tools available through SchoolSafety.gov before, during, and after the back-to-school season.

The 2025 SchoolSafety.gov Back-to-School Campaign focuses on **prevention**, highlighting resources and actions to prevent or deter school safety threats or incidents and create safer learning environments for students and educators. As part of the campaign, **SchoolSafety.gov provides a back-to-school reading list, prevention tip sheet, communications toolkit, and ready-to-use social media posts and graphics.** Feel free to copy, download, and share the materials found in the below link.

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